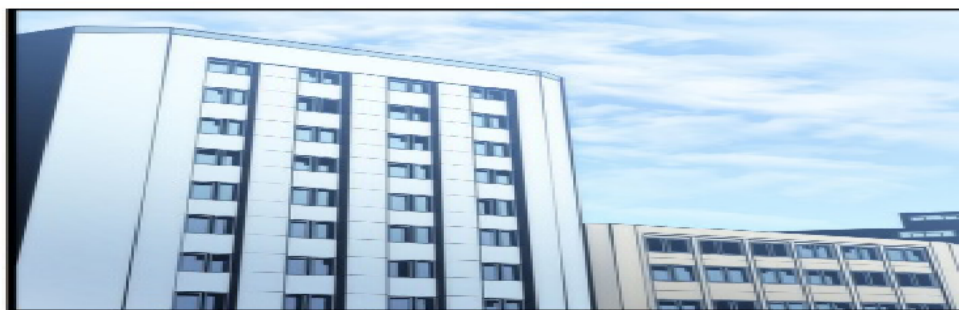


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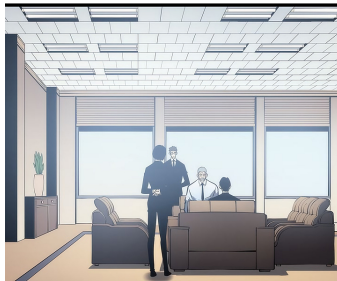
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THIS CONTRACT
STIPULATES THAT WE WILL
GIVE UP THE RIGHTS TO
ALL THE ESSENCE STONES
ON JEJU ISLAND.

SLIDE

A close-up illustration of a person's hand, wearing a light blue sleeve, pressing a button on a control panel. The panel is light blue with a grid of black buttons. A curved arrow points from the word 'SLIDE' to the button being pressed. The background is a solid brown color.





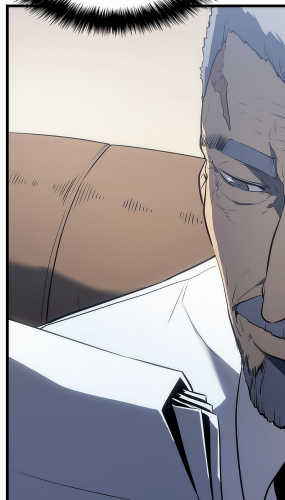


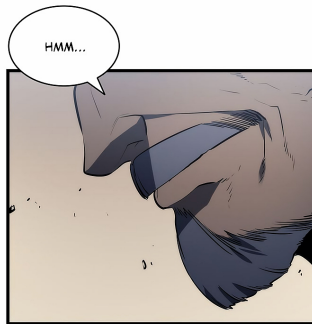
I'M AWARE OF THAT.
HOWEVER, WE CAN'T GET
IN TOUCH WITH HIM WITHOUT
THE HELP OF THE KOREAN
HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION.

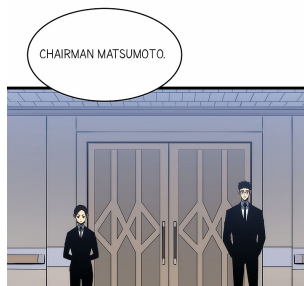
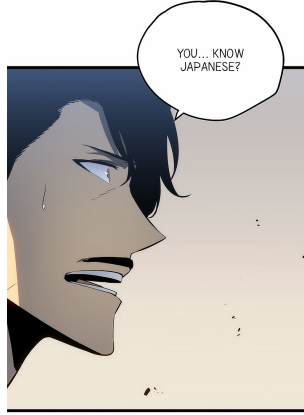
I'M NOT ASKING
YOU TO PUT IN A GOOD
WORD FOR ME.

ALL I ASK IS THAT
YOU GIVE ME A CHANCE
TO NEGOTIATE WITH
HIM.

I CAN'T BELIEVE
THEY'RE WILLING TO GIVE
UP SUCH AN ASTRONOMICAL
AMOUNT OF MONEY JUST
FOR A CHANCE TO
TALK TO HIM.









IF THIS IS ANOTHER ONE
OF YOUR CRAFTY LITTLE
TRICKS, I SUGGEST YOU
STOP NOW.

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN BY
THAT?



I'VE HEARD RUMORS
THAT THE BLADE
GUILD HAS CUT TIES
WITH YOU.

HOW DID YOU...?!



IT WAS PRETTY OBVIOUS.
I COULD TELL SOMETHING WAS
UP WHEN THE BLADE GUILD
REJECTED FUNDING FROM THE
JAPANESE HUNTER'S
ASSOCIATION...

...AND ONLY
ACCEPTED GOVERNMENT
SUBSIDIES.

THE BLADE GUILD USED
TO BE AT THE BECK AND
CALL OF THE JAPANESE
HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION.



BECAUSE OF GOTO RYUJI,
YOU WERE ABLE TO RALLY
ALL THE S-RANKS WHEN YOU
NEEDED TO. BUT NOT
ANYMORE.



THERE'S PROBABLY
A POWER STRUGGLE GOING
ON BETWEEN THE OTHER
GUILDS NOW THAT THE BLADE
GUILD HAS FALLEN APART. AND
THE ASSOCIATION MUST BE
FAILING TO CONTROL THE
SITUATION.

ISN'T THAT
RIGHT?

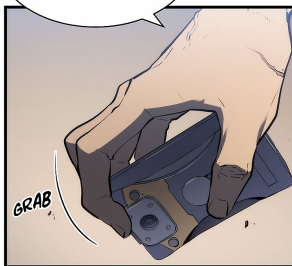
IF THIS GATE ISN'T
PROPERLY BLOCKED
OFF...



...YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE
FULL RESPONSIBILITY,
MR. MATSUMOTO.

THOUGH HE HAD
MALICIOUS INTENTIONS,
GOTO RYUJI WAS A HUNTER
THAT REPRESENTED
JAPAN.

GRAB



SO HIS DEATH,
THE DOWNFALL OF
THE BLADE GUILD,

THE MISMANAGED
CONFLICTS BETWEEN
THE JAPANESE
GUILDS,

AND...



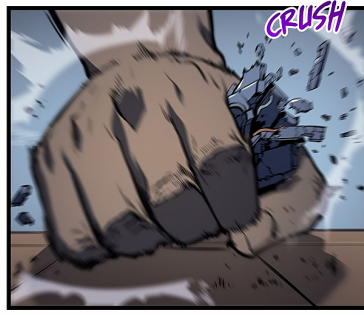
...THE SACRIFICES THAT
WERE MADE BECAUSE
OF YOUR CRAFTY PLOY...
EVERYTHING WILL FALL ON
YOUR SHOULDERS.



DID YOU REALLY
THINK...







HOWEVER,
I'M NOT COLD-HEARTED
ENOUGH TO DO SOMETHING
SO CRUEL.



I WOULDN'T WANT
AN ENTIRE COUNTRY.
NO... ALL OF ASIA...



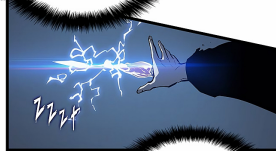
...TO BE PLUNGED
INTO A CRISIS
BECAUSE OF ONE
MAN'S PLOY.

YOU'LL
HAVE TO THANK
MR. SUNG JINWOO
FOR THIS ONE.

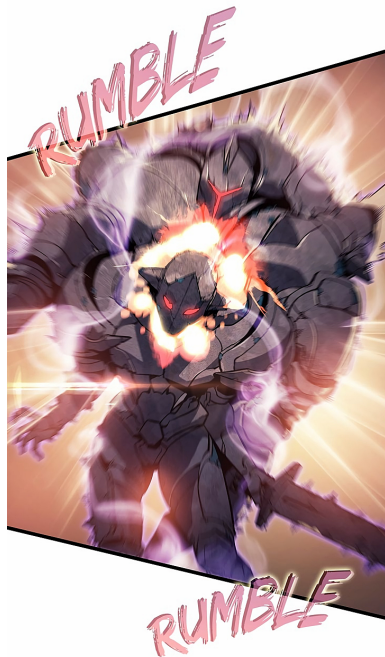


THEY JUST KEEP
COMING.



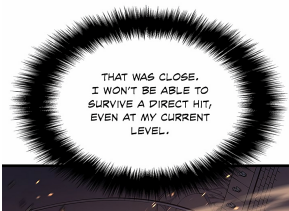
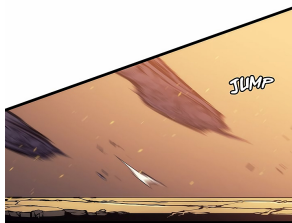






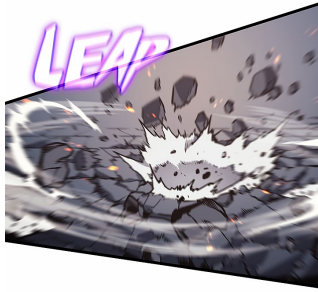
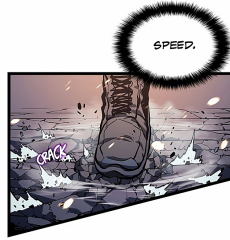
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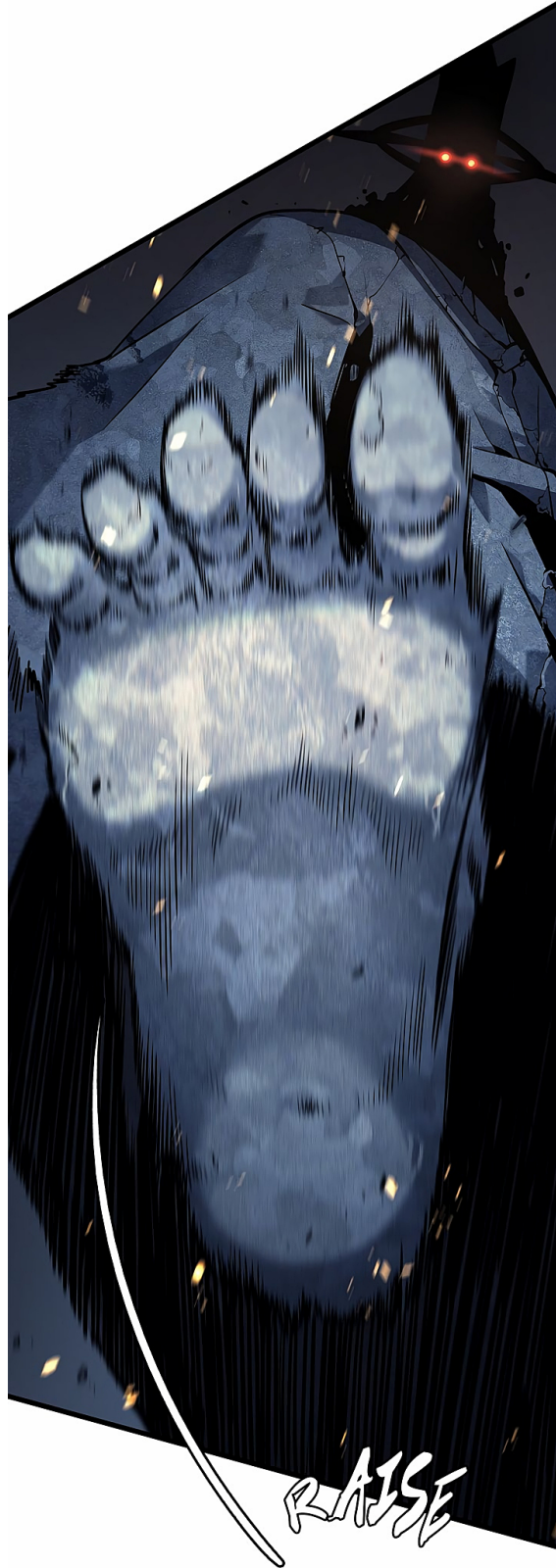
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HAS BEEN UPGRADED TO ITS FINAL FORM,
"THE COMMANDER'S AUTHORITY"]

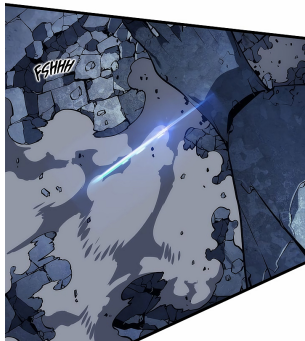




I HAVE TO
GET RID OF THAT
GUY FIRST!











ANOTHER
LASER BEAM!

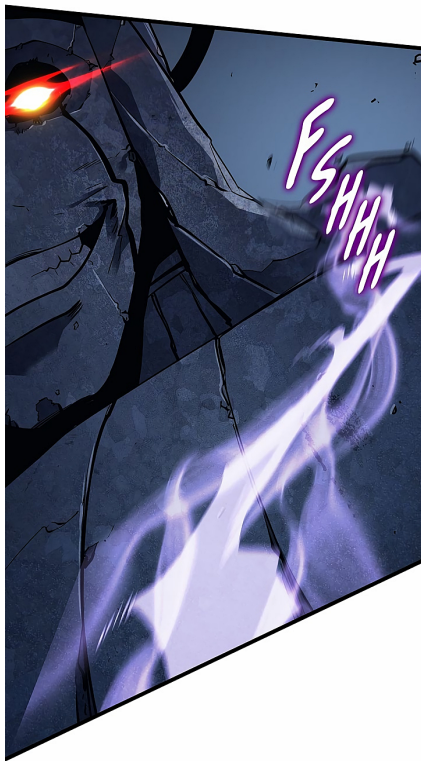


IF I COMBINE
MY SPEED WITH
"THE COMMANDER'S
AUTHORITY"
SKILL,

I'LL BE ABLE
TO GO STRAIGHT
FOR ITS BLIND
SPOT.



THE COMMANDER'S
AUTHORITY!





THE GRAVITATIONAL
PULL IS INCREDIBLY
STRONG. I ONLY USED
A FRACTION OF MY
POWER, BUT IT STILL
WORKED ON A TARGET
THIS LARGE!



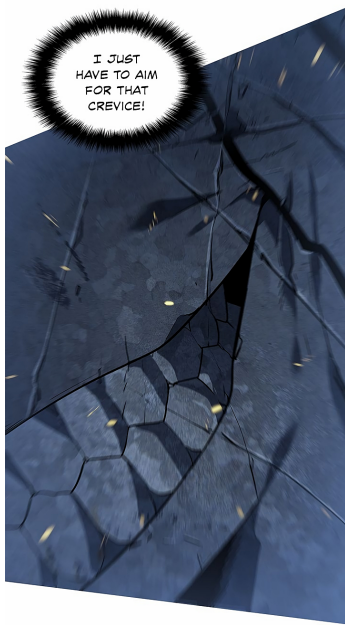
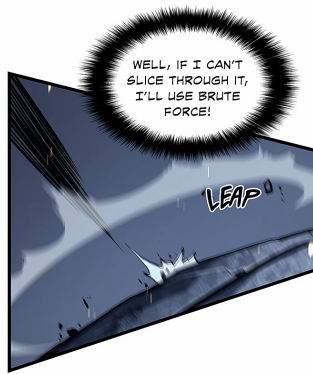
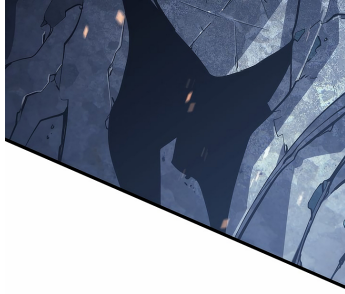
THE UPGRADE
MADE A HUGE
DIFFERENCE.







THE DEMON KING'S
DAGGER CAN USUALLY
SLICE THROUGH
ANYTHING, BUT IT ONLY
LEFT SCRATCHES THIS
TIME.

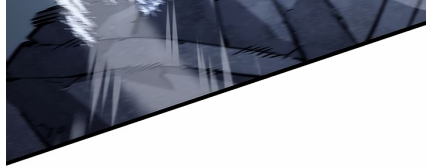




TAKE THAT!

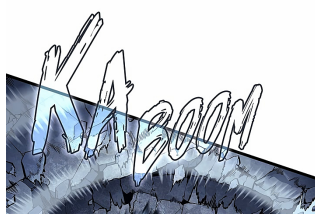
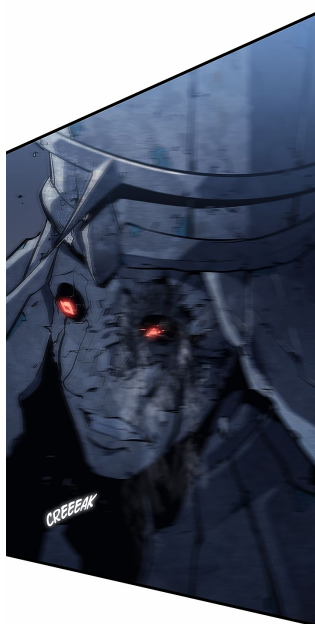
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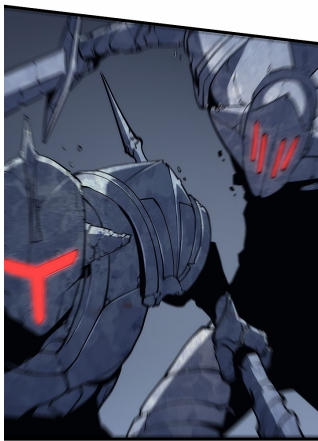
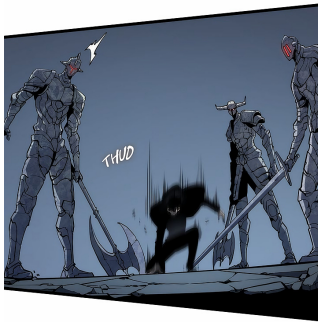
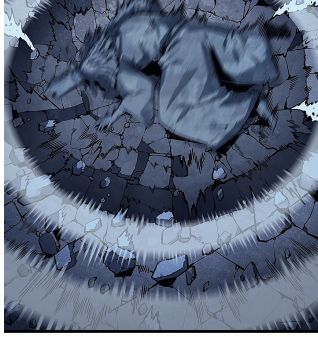




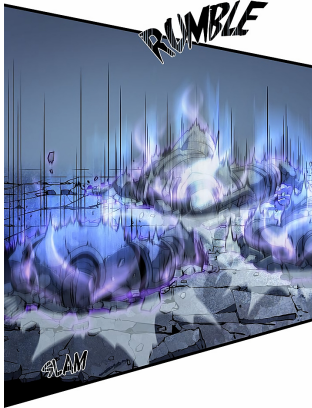
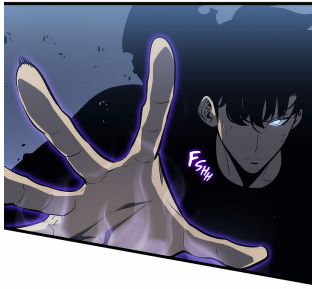
I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT
IT REALLY MEANS TO
BE LEVEL 103!

BAM

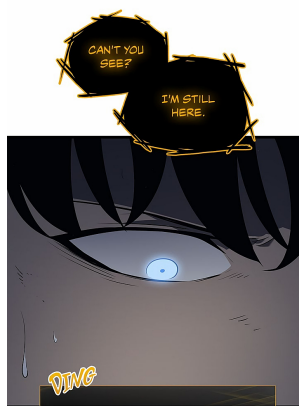
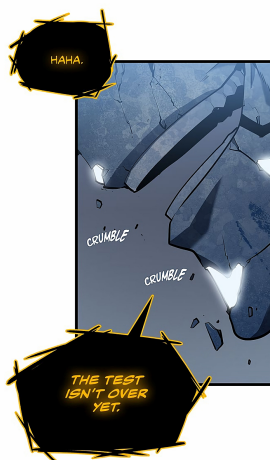
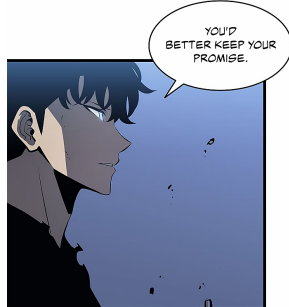


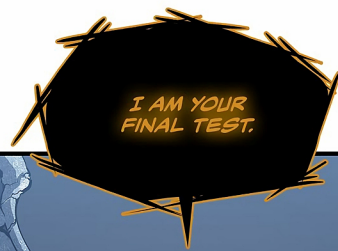


[SKILL: "THE COMMANDER'S AUTHORITY"
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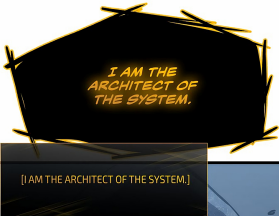
[YOUR HEART WILL STOP BEATING IF YOU
FAIL TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY WITHIN THE
ALLOTTED AMOUNT OF TIME.]

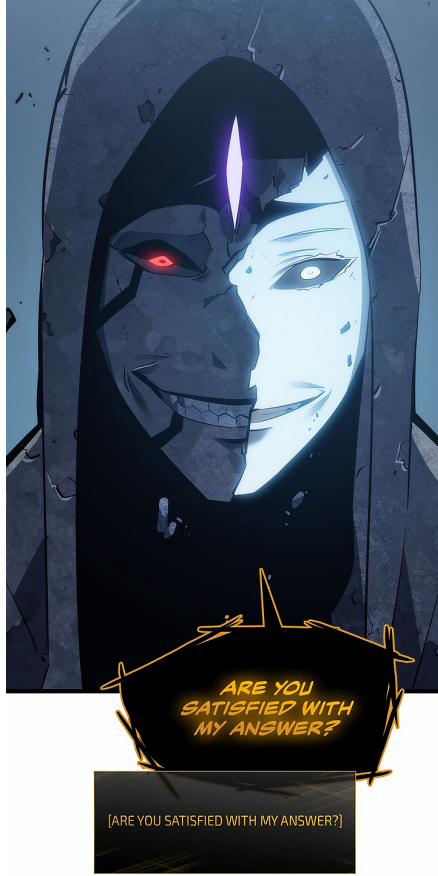
[TIME LEFT: 10 MINUTES, 0 SECONDS.]



[I'M PRETTY SURE I TOLD YOU THAT WAS A SILLY QUESTION.]

[BUT FINE, I'LL GIVE YOU AN ANSWER.]





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